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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS' CHARGES AGAINST GHIZIKIS AND UNTA

REF: ATHENS 6777

1. BY WAY OF UNDERSCORING GOG APPREHENSION ARISING FROM MAKARIOS LATEST MOVES (ATHENS 6777) ATHENS RADIO BROADCAST TODAY MAKARIOS' DENIAL THAT HE INTENDED IN RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW TO IMPLICATE PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS IN THE JULY 15 COUP. ACCORDING TO RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT MAKARIOS SAID HE WANTED TO CLARIFY INTERVIEW HE GRANTED TO ERIC ROULEAU IN LE MONDE IN WHICH MAKARIOS IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THE FORMER TYRANT (IOANNIDES) WAS NOT ALONE AGAINST ME. I DENOUNCE SPECIFICALLY THE CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL GHIZIKIS, GENERALS BONANOS AND GALATSANOS AND COONEL SPANOS FOR HAVING GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT FOR THE COUP." MAKARIOS' CLARIFICATION EMPHASIZED THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS WERE MISCONSTRUED AND THAT HE WANTED TO GO ON RECORD AS REGISTERING COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH GOG.

2. AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS REPORTED PROMINENTLY MAKARIOS' ORIGINAL ACCUSATION AND DENIAL WITH LEFT/CENTER
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ATHENAIKI SPECULATING THAT MAKARIOS' STATEMENT MAY

PRECIPITATE REPERCUSSIONS; FOR EXAMPLE, CHIZIKIS
SUBMITTING HIS RESIGNATION, INCREASE IN GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES
IN CYPRUS, AND ADVERSE REACTION FROM NATIONAL
GUARD OFFICERS APPOINTED BY JUNTA WHO ARE EXPECTED TO
LEAVE CYPRUS WITHIN 15 DAYS. WHETHER OR NOT LE MONDE
INTERVIEW REFLECTED ACCURATELY MAKARIOS' STATEMENT ON
PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS' INVOLVEMENT IN COUP, PRESS FLURRY
AND SUBSEQUENT DENIAL BY MAKARIOS CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO
IMPROVE MAKARIOS' POSITION WITH PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS OR
OTHER GOVERNMENT AND ARMY LEADERS ALREADY SENSITIVE TO
MAKARIOS TROUBLE-MAKING POTENTIAL. QUESTION OF GHIZIKIS'
RESIGNATION IS SENSITIVE POLITICAL ISSUE, SINCE MANY
POLITICIANS FEEL CARAMANLIS IS UNDER PRESSURE TO OFFLOAD
GHIZIKIS BEFORE ELECTIONS.
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